GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SALE AND STARVATION DEATHS OF CHILDREN IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any report from Orissa about thesale of children and starvation deaths in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to avoid starvation deaths and sale of tribal children in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) This Ministry provides funds under Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes to theState Governments for implementation of various socio-economic developmental programmes for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes. A separate Central Sector scheme namely Village Grain Bank Scheme was launched in 1996- 97. The scheme was started on a pilot basis in selected areas out of the areas identified by Central Planning Committee for preventive measures against deathof tribal in general and children in particular in remote and backward tribal areas by providing a safeguard against fall in nutritional standard of Scheduled Tribes living in remote rural areas.